

## LOCAL NEWS.

Dean Smith, who has been laid up for fifty days with slow fever is able to be up and around.

Harper Silliman and family are expected home next week from New York, where they have been visiting the past few weeks.

W. F. Daugherty, of Dayton, would be pleased to have the party who claims one bay mare branded on left shoulder and G E W on thigh call and see the animal.

The ladies of St. Edward's church will hold a market at Purdy's furniture store Saturday the 26th, (tomorrow.) There will be bread, pies, cakes, and doughnuts, all sold at reasonable prices.

W. E. Hillyer, was in from his place on the Delaware at the state line thirty-three miles south last Monday. Doc says he has raised a very good crop, despite the fact that his dam was carried away by the flood of last September.

V. H. Lusk, the big cow man residing about thirty miles northeast, was in town this week attending court. Mr. Lusk says his field of kafir corn, now ready to harvest near Clayton wells would take all kinds of premiums if sent to Albuquerque. He also has twenty acres of cane that is also a winner and will cut ten to twelve tons per acre.

M. S. Groves and R. J. Toffelmire, left Tuesday for Knowles, eighty miles northeast to look over the prospect for business in the town that has recently been moved to its new site on the land sold the town company by Mrs. Thurmond, who will retain a one tenth interest and one half the land. There is no doubt that Mrs. Thurmond, who now has the post office will some day be one of the big land owners of the west. John Cantrell and Fred Butler also started to Knowles the same day to invest in town lots and work up business. Mr. Cantrell will undoubtedly elevate the price clear out of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Oosthuisen of Cape Colony, South Africa, will arrive in Carlsbad tomorrow as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. McQueen Gray. They will spend Sunday in Carlsbad, and then proceed to the Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque. Mr. Oosthuisen is a member of Parliament, and visits this country officially to investigate irrigation methods in use here. He will visit the government projects in the west, and irrigation systems, owned by individuals or communities. South Africa is becoming very much interested in irrigation development, and Mr. Oosthuisen will make a very full report on his return of what is done abroad and this will help in making definite plans for irrigation projects in South Africa now in contemplation. The Reclamation Engineers will show him over the works here.

Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Doepp returned Saturday from Twin Falls, Idaho, where they went to see Mrs. Doepp's brother who was reported seriously ill. They found him out of danger, and after spending two days returned home. On the return trip they spent a day at Salt Lake City and two days in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Doepp says that the Twin Fall's country is booming. The Irrigation Project is built under the "Carey Act." The land is purchased from the state, and a water right must be obtained from the irrigation company at a cost of \$25.00 to \$35.00 an acre. The Snake river supplies the water which is practically a fine soft water from the snows in the mountains. He says they were producing fine crops of alfalfa, small grain and fruit. The season, however, is very short, the winter being long and severe.

## RICHARD RULE, DEAD

Eddy County's First Editor Dies in El Paso Hospital.

### STARTED THE ARGUS HERE

Once Editor of El Paso Herald and was Also in Treasury Department.

Last Friday evening as the day was ending the soul of Richard Rule passed to the great beyond, after probably one of the most checkered and varied of careers. He had been in Chihuahua, Mexico for some time and became very ill with congestion of the brain. Monday of last week he managed to get to El Paso and was taken to the hospital, where he died. Dick first came to Eddy, in the fall of 1889 bringing a press and type with which he started the Argus for the P. I. & I. Co. leaving James Howe to run it while he was conducting the Herald in El Paso. Dick made occasional trips here for some time, until he sold the Herald in El Paso and came here to live, bringing his family. He was let out of the company employ and succeeded by J. M. Hawkins in 1892. He remained here for some time and at times wrote some for this paper, leaving here for El Paso in 1894 or 95 to take a position with the treasury department as special inspector. He lost that place in 1903 and moved back here but did not prosper, finally going to Mexico, where he did well for a time. He was born Jan. 31, 1847, in Kentucky, his parents moving to Missouri when he was a little child, and from there to California when Dick was ten years old. His father who was known as Col. Rule, became a wealthy miner owning the Golden Rule, a rich mine. He sent Dick to the Brothers school at Santa Clara for four years, and when the boy grew up he developed a taste for newspaper work and became a very able and prolific writer, reporting for the San Francisco Examiner at the sessions of the legislature and doing special work for many papers. He finally drifted to Tombstone and on Oct. 12, 18887 was wedded to Miss Edith Anderson. Four children were born to them, Daphna, Craddock, Lucia, and Betty. Dick was the only reporter allowed to accompany President McKinley when he visited the Pacific coast the president taking a great liking to him. He was a perfectly fearless writer and was compelled at times to go armed for he never minced words in condemning crime. He had several personal encounters but always succeeded in getting the best of every fight. He had a host of friends and few enemies and as has been said was his own worst enemy. The remains were brought here Wednesday from El Paso and were interred from the Anderson Sanitarium, six old time friends acting as pall bearers, Rev. Marshall of the Episcopal church conducting the ceremonies. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens nearly all of whom knew him. The following is an account clipped from the last Saturday Herald of El Paso:

Richard Rule, one of the best known characters of the southwest, former owner and editor of The Herald in its early days and later for about ten years a special employee of the treasury department here, died last night at the county hospital of congestion of the brain, after a short illness.

The deceased was a native of northern California, and was about 50 years old. He had been in El Paso and vicinity for 20 years, and previous to coming here had been connected with newspapers in San Francisco and Tombstone, Ariz. At one time he was sporting editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. In the latter part of 1888 he came to El Paso and in a short time bought out Fred Townsend's interest in the Herald, Frank Wells Brown owning the other half. In 1890, The Herald News Company bought the paper and Mr. Rule continued as editor for several months.

He then went to Eddy, N. M., now Carlsbad, and there started the Argus, later moving back to El Paso in '94 or '95. On March 13, 1895, he was appointed a special inspector for the treasury department "from Memphis, Tenn.," and assigned to the port of El Paso. Two years later he was raised to the rank of special employe and he continued in this capacity until the winter of '02-'03, when he left the service.

Persons who are acquainted with his record state that he was one of the best officers who ever served the government in this section, and gave entire satisfaction except for a liking for drink, which he could not control. In 1905 he went to Concheno, Mexico, with the commissary department of the Greene Gold-Silver company and he only lately returned from that country.

### Otto Kathman Dead.

Otto Kathman, who came here the winter of 1903, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Hildenbrand, in Quincy, Illinois. The news came to Carlsbad from George Tracy to whom Otto's sister wrote, George being in Brooklyn, New York. The following is an extract from a letter received from George:

"Otto has many friends in Carlsbad and in the Guadalupe mountains where he lived with me for so long, and I thought you would like to put a notice of his death in the Current.

He was the salt of the earth and all who knew him loved him for his unselfish, frank and simple ways and his simple faith that made him everybody's friend."

The tribute from a companion who had spent the days and weeks with Otto in the wilds of the Guadalupe speaks more than any long obituary that might be gotten up by a newspaper and is given as the "notice" of his death, but is nevertheless chronicled with much regret.

F. E. Bryant on the Bolles Farm has 100 February lambs that he is now feeding with a view of taking them to the International Stock Show in Chicago this winter. This is, without question, the finest lot of lambs that Mr. Bryant ever has had on the farm. The lambs that he had last year were of superior quality, and it did not seem reasonable that he could improve on that lot, but this year's lambs are far better in every respect. They will average as much at the present time as last year's lambs did at the time they were ready to go to the show.

I. S. Osborne who has developed into a real alfalfa King finished threshing Saturday his big stock of alfalfa seed just below town. He has over 20,000 pounds of very excellent seed as the result of his operations this season.

## District Court.

The past week has been a busy one in District court. After the acquittal of Clay McGonagill the territory proceeded to bind over in bonds of \$250 each the four principal witnesses, W. K. Koy, J. L. Taylor, Stephen B. Taylor and J. W. Taylor, and the court set the first jury day of next term to try Clay on four other counts.

Jack Marrin was tried before a jury composed of the following: J. T. Espy, Joe Andrews, V. E. Fatheree, De. nis Duncan, G. W. Batton, J. D. McBride, J. N. Livingston, Dean, Sampson, O. E. Nickey, J. R. Means and M. L. Dannelley.

The trial of Marrin was very spirited and much interest was taken by the public. The charge against Marrin was conspiracy, malicious threats and drawing a deadly weapon. After being out about an hour the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, recommending the clemency of the court.

The penalty in such cases is a year in the pen and \$1000 fine.

The case of Krauss vs Heck was tried before a jury and was in favor of plaintiff.

A continuance was taken in the Acrey-DeMoss case.

Guy Parker was tried before a jury for horse stealing and acquitted.

W. E. Washington and Brooks were granted a charge of venue to Chaves county.

Owing to the fact that this issue is devoted to a write up of the country, the court doings are cut short.

### All for Albuquerque.

The following Carlsbad people will leave in a special tourist sleeper for Albuquerque next Monday morning to remain during next week, the car being scheduled to return Saturday night the 3rd: F. G. Tracy and wife, W. A. Finlay and wife, H. F. Christian and wife, Miss Louise Breeding, Judge W. E. Rogers and wife, C. W. Beeman and wife, I. S. Osborne and wife, E. Hendricks and wife and Mrs. J. H. James, R. L. Halley and wife, W. G. Woerner, Wm. H. Mullane, F. E. Bryant, R. M. Thorne, L. E. Foster, Jene Little, L. E. Irwin, Tom Waller, T. B. Hunter, I. B. Cushing, J. A. Stobaugh. Others will leave later in the week, business requiring their presence at home.

At a meeting of the members of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association, who reside in around Carlsbad held in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday afternoon D. R. Harkey was chosen to be recommended for appointment as Association Inspector for this district. Ed Crowley of Ft Worth, secretary of the as-

## School Days

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### School Books and Supplies

Such as Books, Slates, Tablets, Sponges, Pencils, etc.

### THE STAR PHARMACY

THE QUALITY STORE

sociation was on hand and will send Mr. Harkey his authority as inspector in a few days.

### Lower Rates for Musical Instruction

Owing to the very liberal patronage received by Miss Wilson, the teacher in piano music the lady has decided to lower her rates from \$5.00 to \$4.00 per month. Pupils can commence at any time.

C. A. Cunningham is pushing the improvement of his place that he purchased near Loving, a short time ago. He has had a force of 25 to 30 men at work, grubbing and clearing the land, and is employing from six to ten teams, in addition. He expects to plant a large acreage of alfalfa in the next two weeks. He will also prepare fifty acres or more for an orchard that he will plant in the winter. His son N. N. Cunningham, is also clearing his place and preparing to plant alfalfa and possibly some oats. He expects to build a residence in a very short time. Both men are experienced farmers that know how to make land productive.

The obituary of Mr. Summerall, who was killed by lightning in Dog Canon the 14th, was crowded out this week, but will appear next week.

FOR SALE-Extra good alfalfa seed tests 80 pounds. G. W. Swift, Carlsbad.

WANTED-Couple good young Jersey milch cow's, also good variety laying chickens. G. W. Swift, Carlsbad.

The W. A. Mahara Minstrel show [this season, is carrying the strongest company in its history. Twenty-two years of prosperity means that many years of promises well kept with the public, and is plenty of assurance that the show will be all that is advertised when they play here for Friday night October 2nd. The company has a first class band and orchestra, twenty clever comedians and eight pretty Creole chorus girls. Giving a combined minstrel, musical, comedy and vaudeville show, pleasing to everybody. The big air-dome will be set up on the corner of Fox and Canal street.

## BOOKS ... DRUGS ... JEWELRY

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